

Dear Harold,

March 5, 1995

It has been a long time since we have communicated. I retired from my college teaching position and gave my 25 years of research to the William Paterson College Library, Wayne, New Jersey. With Jan Stevens, I presented a JFK assassination seminar that enrolled over 100 people. This was in 1993. As you can see from the attached materials, we are presenting another seminar on March 11th. Cyril Wecht was originally scheduled to be one of the speakers, but he canceled. Walt Brown has done important work on Oswald and he is now working on a new index of the Warren Commission volumes. Of course you know about Robert Groden's work. Jan Stevens has done some top notch work on the many television and film studies of the JFK assassination. I hope you have read his work in "Third Decade." I am not a nuts and bolts historian on the JFK assassination. I am interested in the "big" picture, and have a special interest in how the media has handled-mis-handled the assassinations of JFK, King, Malcolm X, and RFK.

I have just completed a reading of your book, Case Open, where you present many important insights into how the media handled Posner's terrible, distorted and dishonest book. You will be pleased to know that we will devote a good deal of time at the March 11th seminar on destroying Posner, and we will be selling your book. Of course it would be ideal if you were with us on this day!!!! I recently taped an interview with John Davis and I asked him who was the most important independent researcher into the JFK assassination. He immediately replied, "Harold Weisberg." He went on to extol your work and commitment. Would you like a copy of the tape?

With these few words, I wish you well and thank you for your friendship and assistance. We may never solve this horrible crime, but we can be proud of ourselves for now allowing the "powers-that-be" to lie to the world.

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JFK ASSASSINATION: IS THE CASE CLOSED?

COURSE NO.: CTED399-30 (non-credit)

DATE: Saturday, March 11, 1995

TIME: 9:30a.m.-5:00p.m.

SITE: Science Hall Room 200B

FEE: \$35.00 (includes lunch)

\$10.00 luncheon fee for WPC students (optional)

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President John Kennedy's assassination on November 22, 1963 has generated four federal investigations and hundreds of articles, books and films. As a result of 1993 Congressional legislation mandating the release of classified materials, many documents have been released which further fuel the controversy about the assassination and the theories surrounding it. Recently, much media attention has been given to Gerald Posner's book, Case Closed, but is the case closed?

This day long seminar directed at educators, students of history and the general public will explore and discuss the new evidence and provide educational materials that can be used in social studies and history classrooms.

PROGRAM

9:30-10:00a.m. Registration and coffee

10:00-10:10a.m. Welcome and Introduction

10:10-11:10a.m. Opening Remarks and Overview: "JFK and His Times"

Terence Ripmaster, Professor Emeritus at WPC has written and lectured extensively on the topic of American assassinations. His forthcoming book is *In the Name of God, Country and Ideology: Assassinations in the 20th Century*.

11:30-12:30p.m. Video and Discussion - followed by presentation: "The Case: Basic Facts of Dealey Plaza and the Aftermath". **Jan Stevens** is an independent researcher who has written for many publications, including "The Fourth Decade;" "The Investigator;" and "Dateline Dallas" and is mentioned in several books on the assassination. He is currently working on his manuscript on JFK.

12:30-1:30p.m. **LUNCH**

1:30-2:30p.m. "Warren Commission", HSCA and other Probes." Lecture and Discussion. **Walt Brown** is the author of *The People vs. Lee Harvey Oswald* and a forthcoming book, *Blue Death, Red Patsy, White Lies*. He is active with C.O.P.A. and other national groups engaged in reviewing documentary evidence regarding the assassination and is the editor of "Dateline Dallas".

2:30-3:00p.m. **Terence Ripmaster** and **Jan Stevens** will discuss the investigation of Jim Garrison, the Oliver Stone film and Gerald Posner, author of Case Closed.

3:10-4:10p.m. Analysis of Photographic and Medical Evidence

Robert Groden is the author of *The Killing of a President* and co-author of *High Treason: The Assassination of President Kennedy: What Really Happened and The Killing of a President*. He was a consultant for the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Assassinations, and is an expert in photographic analysis of the case. He also consulted Oliver Stone on the film "JFK".

4:10-5:00p.m. **PANEL: "New Documents and Question and Answer Period"**

Walt Brown, Robert Groden, Terence Ripmaster and Jan Stevens

5:00p.m. Book signings and informal discussion

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